

## LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes ZOOM Meeting 6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

"The mission of the City of Lakewood Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board is to preserve, protect and promote the unique heritage and historic resources of the City of Lakewood"

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Glen Spieth, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **MEETING PROTOCOL**

#### Roll Call

<u>Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Present:</u> Glen Spieth, Beth Campbell, Joan Cooley, and Christina Manetti

<u>Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Excused:</u> None <u>Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Absent:</u> None Council Liaison to LHAB: Councilmember Patti Belle (not present)

<u>Staff Present:</u> Courtney Brunell, Planning Manager; Tiffany Speir, Long Range/Strategic Planning

Manager; Ted Thelin, ARPA Intern; and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

# Acceptance/Changes to Agenda

Staff requested that the ARPA presentation be moved up the agenda and allowed to speak first.

# **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2021 were approved as written by voice vote, M/S/C Campbell/Cooley. Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously, 4-0.

## **Announcements**

Mr. Glen Spieth noted the Lakewood Historical Museum re-opened last Saturday. The museum has been closed since March 2020. Lakewood Historical Society is researching grant opportunities to purchase more historical markers. The next intended markers will be made for Woodbrook and Byrd Cemetery on Phillips Rd.

Dr. Christina Manetti commented on noticing the installed historical street signs and suggested any future signs should state it is a historical sign. Dr. Manetti also commented on the lettering of the Old Tacoma Speedway sign being too closely spaced because of the small size of the sign.

Ms. Courtney Brunell shared that the Suburban Times has asked her to prepare a story about the historic street names project.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

# REPORTS BY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER OR STAFF

Mr. Spieth queried the progress of the Western State Hospital Master Plan. One square mile of the property has a National Historic designation. Mr. Spieth shared his concern of how the demolition of the buildings will be handled on the site. Mr. Spieth added that if any artifacts were found he has interest in displaying them at the museum to keep Lakewood's history in Lakewood; even if the items are not significant he would still display cannonballs, Indian arrowheads, nails, pieces of the buildings, or a hugely encrusted horseshoe from the Calvary area.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Developing Information on Designated Lakewood Landmarks with Explanation of Different Types of Designations (Local, State, and Federal) for Website

Mr. Spieth noted the designations are explained separately in the member's 1999 Historic Properties Inventory binders.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Lakewood's American Rescue Plan Act Presentation

As part of the City's outreach efforts a presentation was made to the advisory board members. Ms. Tiffany Speir and LHAB members discussed various ways to spend the ARPA funds. Mr. Glen Spieth queried the availability to access funds for museums. Ms. Speir noted that funds can be used in support of historical societies and museums. Ms. Speir offered to obtain information to share directly with Mr. Spieth to help with the reopening and expand their visibility of the Lakewood Historical Society and museums.

Ms. Beth Campbell shared thoughts on expanding the resource navigation services and partnerships. Overall, the group was in favor of addressing educational disparities and supporting youth education, after-school tutoring programs, and more access to technology for students.

## **OTHER**

Dr. Manetti queried the process of a privately-initiated amendment if the board members were wanting to propose any changes to the historic preservation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Brunell confirmed the funds have been allocated to print new historical touring maps after the historical street name updates have been completed. She was able to contact the original graphics designer who is willing to make the revisions.

**Next Meeting** The regular monthly meeting is set for Thursday, August 26, at 6:00 PM. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Glen Spieth, Chair

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Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary to the

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